American Literature (ENG125) Syllabus

# Course Overview

Instructor

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Room Location

E-05

Website

[www.hausaueramlit.wikispaces.com](http://www.hausaueramlit.wikispaces.com)

Availability

I am available at 8 am before school until 4 pm after school. Advisory time is limited, but arrangements can be made. Arrangements may be made for an earlier or later appointment for extra help, to make up work, or to discuss grades. I last check email at approximately 9 pm. Please be flexible.

Required Text (provided)

* *Prentice Hall Literature: Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes, The American Experience*
* *Prentice Hall Writing and Grammar: Communication in Action- Ruby Level*
* A selection of novels

The course is a chronological survey of American Literature and its historical perspectives including non-fiction, short stories, novels, poetry, and drama. Emphasis is on reading for understanding, terminology, structure, analysis of literature, and on the development of composition skills. Instruction in student writing continues through an ordered sequence of personal and literary essays. Instruction in grammar focuses on review and how to create a research project integrating multi-media sources.

# Course Materials

Please bring all materials to class each day.

* Charged laptop- there are limited outlets in my classroom
* Folder or binder –whichever you prefer to neatly organize
* Notebook or 3 ring binder with loose leaf
* Writing utensils
* USB drive to back up files and for larger projects

# Resources (Please bookmark the following web pages.)

* [www.hausaueramlit.wikispaces.com](http://www.hausauerintrolit.wikispaces.com) - this website will contain the course calendar. This will state what is done in class, what the homework is, and provide links and electronic copies of work assigned. This website will also be where online class discussion takes place, journals are posted, online notes are posted, and a variety of other class activities. It will be used daily.
* [www.hausauer.wikispaces.com](http://www.hausauer.wikispaces.com) - this website offers links to other courses that I teach as well as the class expectations and rules.

Course requirements and evaluation

The students will: complete weekly/daily assignments, tests and quizzes, projects, assigned readings, written assignments, participate in class, and read three novels. The learner objectives will be evaluated by tests, quizzes, written assignments, projects, and oral participation.

# Classroom behavior and expectations

* Be on time. You will have 2 free tardies before receiving a detention.
* You are responsible for late and missing work. If you know you are going to be absent-please email me with work that is due and schedule make up quizzes/tests. Please make up work in a timely manner.
* You are expected to participate in class fully each day-this means being attentive (ie no playing games on the computer or putting your head down on your desk).
* Be respectful of other students, materials, and property in the room.
* Plagiarism is a serious offense and school policy will be followed in any case of plagiarism. A zero will be given for the assignment and administration will be notified for proper disciplinary action.
* With the privilege of the laptops comes great responsibility. You are expected to be on task and focused throughout class. There is no chatting online, no games, etc. A warning may or may not be given to stay on task before computer privileges are lost.

# Course Outline (Part A)

Course schedule is flexible. Please check the class website for the most up to date assignments.

A. First Six Weeks

1. Literature: Unit 1: Beginnings-1750; Unit 2: A Nation is Born (1750-1800)
2. Grammar: Ch. 13: Parts of Speech; Ch. 14: The Sentence
3. Composition: Ch. 11: Writing Complete Sentences; Ch. 12 Writing Effective Sentences

B. Second Six Weeks

1. Unit 3: A Growing Nation (1800 – 1870); Literature: Unit 4: Division, Reconciliation, and Expansion (1850 – 1914)
2. Grammar: Ch. 15: The Phrase; Ch. 16: The Clause
3. Novel Study

# Major Assignments

Major assignments include a minimum of 3 papers, reading of a novel and play, and completion of a poetry project. These assignments will all be detailed in an assignment sheet and listed on the course calendar.

# Homework Policy

Homework will be assigned daily and posted on the course calendar. Homework is due the next day at the beginning of class unless otherwise specified. Late work will be accepted for ½ credit. If you are going to be absent (athletic event, doctor appointment etc) please email your work in (most homework can be emailed) or arrange to turn it in before you leave.

# Additional Information

* Grades will be posted online in Net Classroom in a timely manner as per handbook guidelines. You are responsible for checking your grades online.
* Please email me or see me with questions or concerns that you have about your learning. A proactive approach will make your learning experience more fulfilling.
* Please be flexible. Recognize that assignments are subject to change and the internet is bound to fritz out. Being reasonable will serve us all well!